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Units of the North Korean People's Army in the Ongjin region in mid-August 1950 include the following:

- a. One battalion in Ongjin in the billets formerly occupied by the 17th Regiment of the ROK army.
- b. One company of marines in Pupo-ri (125-36, 37-48), billeted in farm houses; the town was burnt down by the ROK army in its retreat.
- c. One company, occupying the school buildings in Kangho-up (unlocated), engaged in training Volunteer Army forces; the 17th Regiment ROK army training field is used for this purpose.
2. The Ongjin People's Committee is headed by CHO To-sin (趙桃信), the "self-governing" unit by PAK Nak-yong (朴樂永). The People's Committee publishes an official periodical known as the People's Newspaper.
3. Ongjin receives the radio broadcasts from Haeju clearly. Propaganda against South Korea and the United Nations and emphasis on the victories of the North Korean forces appear to be producing doubt among the local population as to the ultimate success of the United Nations.
4. Two hundred North Korean marines are reported to have landed on Yongpyon Island (125-40, 37-38) on 3 July and to have set up two guns (type unstated) on a mountain. They withdrew on 10 July (reason not stated). Control of the island rests with a "self-governing" unit of seventy islanders armed with Japanese-made guns (type not stated). The unit is headed by KIM Son-wo (金孫五), who was sent from Ongjin for the position. The local people's committee is headed by YI Son-man, with PAK Pyong-ki (朴炳基) as deputy.

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